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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 VERNON ELKINS, JR.,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 NORTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY
13 COLLEGE, *et al.*,

14 Defendants.
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Case No. C08-1466RSL

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
SEAL EXHIBITS TO COMPLAINT

16 This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's motion to seal pages 1-24 of the
17 complaint. Those pages include a list of plaintiff's proposed witnesses, including what appears
18 to be their home addresses. Plaintiff, who is proceeding pro se, contends that the pages should
19 be sealed to protect the witnesses from retaliation.


20 Sealing the pages is not warranted to protect the witnesses from retaliation. Plaintiff will
21 have to disclose their names and contact information to defendant as part of his initial
22 disclosures. However, plaintiff did not need to include the witness list with his complaint, nor
23 did he need to file it in the Court's electronic docket. The public has no interest in learning the
24 witnesses' home addresses. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS plaintiff's motion to seal (Dkt.
25 #7).

26 The Clerk of the Court is directed to seal the exhibits to plaintiff's complaint, Docket #1-
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1 3 and Docket #6-2, to protect the privacy of the witnesses. Plaintiff is hereby ORDERED to file
2 a copy of the exhibits, without the witness list, within ten days of the date of this order. He
3 should label the documents as the "Exhibits to Plaintiff's Complaint."

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5 DATED this 5th day of January, 2009.

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8 Robert S. Lasnik
9 United States District Judge
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